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► Elkins Park native sees family for first time in 25 months after Iran finally releases him ► 'We are so happy we are free and so relieved we are free' {page 02}

► Josh Fattal, left, one of two U.S. hikers held in Iran on charges of espionage, is surrounded by his family upon his arrival in Oman after he was released with Shane Bauer from Tehran's Evin prison yesterday.



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Second boy accuses HS baseball coach

Neumann-Goretti baseball coach Louis Spadaccini was re-arrested Tuesday night and charged with involuntary deviant sexual intercourse and related offenses after a second young victim came forward.

A 13-year-old boy told investigators late Tuesday

that, between July and August, Spadaccini, 37, sexually assaulted him on three occasions after giving him alcohol, police alleged.

One of those alleged assaults took place at Spadaccini's residence on South Iseminger Street near Oregon Avenue, the other two

at the Holiday Inn on Packard Avenue.

According to the district attorney's office, there is a concern that there may be more victims.

Spadaccini was charged Monday for allegedly giving a 14-year-old student beer and a blended cock-



► Spadaccini

tail spiked with Xanax at a room in the same Holiday Inn. He allegedly told police that he knew the combination might render the child unconscious.

The boy became so intoxicated that he needed medical attention.

● ALEXANDRA WIGGLESWORTH

Hikers free at last, Fattal with family

► Elkins Park native Josh Fattal reunited in joyous celebration with mother Laura, father Jacob and brother Alex ► For two years, his family lived in gloomy apprehension ► President Obama: 'Wonderful day for us'

The day that seemed inevitable — and yet so excruciatingly far away — the entire 25 months Americans Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer were imprisoned in an Iran prison finally arrived yesterday.

Fattal, the Elkins Park native, and friend Bauer were freed and reunited with their families in Oman, a small country next to Iran that agreed to hold the much-anticipated reunion.

Both young men rushed into the arms of their parents and siblings, though Bauer's first hug was for Sarah Shourd, the third American captured by Iranian soldiers in July 2009 but freed late last year. Bauer proposed to Shourd when both were in Evin prison in Tehran.

President Barack Obama, after hearing of their freedom said it was "a wonderful day for them — and for us."

The two were freed after weeks of political wrangling within Iran's own government. The notoriously hardline judiciary did not budge initially despite rumors that other political powerplayers, including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, pushed for their release via \$1 million combined bail.

Two judges finally signed off Tuesday.



► Fattal, left, and Bauer couldn't hide their joy as they waited at the Swiss Embassy in Iran.

'Gesture' more like ransom

Fattal and Bauer were convicted of spying in August, along with Shourd, who was convicted in absentia. Both men were sentenced to eight years, but experts speculated they would likely not serve the whole term. Ahmadinejad termed their release a "humanitarian gesture."

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One Middle East geopolitical expert recently told Metro that the bail was more like "ransom" that allowed Iran to convict them of espionage despite no evidence and then still free the two eventually on their own terms.

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"We are so happy we are free, and so relieved we are free. Our deepest gratitude goes towards his majesty, Sultan Qaboos of Oman, for obtaining our release. We are sincerely grateful [to] the government of Oman for hosting us and our families."

FATTAL

911 call from trunk rescued man

LAWNCREST. Police are investigating an attempted abduction Tuesday night after a man called 911 from the trunk of his car in Northeast Philadelphia.

The victim, 25, was outside his apartment on the 6800 block of Martins Mill Road around 11 p.m. when three men put a gun to his head and bound his hands and feet with zip ties.

They forced him into his trunk, where he was able to call authorities. The men were stopped after driving an unknown distance and arrested. ● METRO/AW

'Genius' among us this year

WEST PHILADELPHIA. A professor was one of 22 Americans who received a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant Tuesday.

Jacob Soll, 42, who lives in University City and teaches political history at Rutgers University-Camden, was the only recipient in the Delaware Valley.

The MacArthur Foundation presents the five-year, \$500,000 fellowship to people who show creativity, achievement and future potential. ● METRO

In the news

Hunger debate today

Philabundance will host its first Hunger Symposium today at Cira Centre to discuss food access in the Delaware Valley. Mari Gallagher will be the keynote speaker. The 2010 American Community Survey scheduled for release today will include new stats on hunger in the United States.

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Elderly man hurt outside ballpark

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. Police are investigating a hit-and-run that hospitalized a 91-year-old near Citizens Bank Park Tuesday night. The man was leaving

the Phillies game shortly before 9:30 p.m. when he was struck at Eighth Street and Pattison Avenue.

The driver sped away, fleeing westbound on Pattison. Investigators are searching for a gray Nissan pickup truck with Delaware tags.

The victim is in stable condition at Jefferson University Hospital with lacerations to the head. **METRO**

Corbett wants money for dredging

PENNSPORT. Gov. Tom Corbett announced yesterday the release of \$15 million for the Delaware River Main Channel-Deepening Project.

The long-planned project will allow the Port of Philadelphia to accommodate larger ships, helping it compete with other major East Coast ports. The project will eventually deepen the river's main channel from 40 feet to 45 feet and is expected to be complete in 2015. **METRO**



▶ Corbett



▶ Huffman in Philadelphia yesterday.

Road she walked long as East Coast

▶ Former foster child walked from Florida to Philly for alcohol, drug recovery treatment charity ▶ Huffman's goal: 'Start conversation people don't normally have'

For Sandra Huffman, walking from Florida to Philadelphia has required a comfortable pair of shoes, the companionship of her dog Sassy and lots of determination. The road to drug and alcohol recovery, however, has been much tougher for the Montgomery County native.

Huffman, who has been clean for five years, began the 1,300-mile trek from Fort Lauderdale on June 11 to help raise awareness for recovery. Her walk will end Saturday at the 11th annual PRO ACT Recovery Walk at Penn's Landing.

"It was amazing," Huff-

Walk on

For information about the Recovery Walk, visit www.recoverywalks.org.

Donate to Sandra at www.supportingsandrawalk.org

man, 44, said of her trip, which has been tracked on Facebook. "I was coming home. That's what I wanted to do."

At age 14, Huffman ran away from Meridian Home for Girls and went to Florida, starting her battle with hard substances. Over the next 20 years, she would

suffer through abusive relationships, homelessness, jail and separation from her children, but she credits a Brower County judge and the drug treatment program in prison for helping to turn her life around.

To fund the walk, Huffman has received online donations and sold handmade mustard seed necklaces. She has eaten at soup kitchens and homeless shelters. And though she currently lives with a relative and is jobless, Huffman said the walk was worth it.



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Obama in effort to derail Palestinian UN statehood bid

President Barack Obama, trying to avert a clash over Palestinian statehood, told the United Nations yesterday there was no substitute for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations or any short cut to peace.

With U.S. credibility and influence in the Middle East at stake, Obama wants to dissuade the Palestinians from asking the U.N. Security Council for statehood in the teeth of Israeli anger and a U.S. threat to use its veto if it came to a vote.

But a senior Palestinian official, Nabil Shaath, said, "We will cordially and respectfully tell him 'no.'"

The Palestinians, how-

Quoted

"Ultimately, it is Israelis and Palestinians — not us — who must reach agreement on the issues that divide them: on borders and security; on refugees and Jerusalem."

OBAMA

ever, would give the Security Council "some time" to mull the statehood claim before they took it

to the U.N. General Assembly, he told a news conference.

Flag-waving Palestinians filled the squares of West Bank cities to rally behind the initiative at the United Nations.

A year after telling the General Assembly he hoped to see a Palestinian state born by now, the U.S. president said creating such a state alongside Israel remained his goal.

"But the question isn't the goal we seek — the question is how to reach it. And I am convinced that there is no short cut to the end of a conflict that has endured for decades," he said. **REUTERS**

Forbes. Rich list



► Coming in at No. 7, Soros had a fortune of \$22 billion after adding \$7.8 billion to his net worth.

Soros one of the richest

Investor George Soros, at 81, has for the first time made the list of the 10 wealthiest Americans, Forbes Magazine reported yesterday in the 2011 edition of its annual rich list. Bill Gates again topped the list with a net worth of \$59 billion, up \$5 billion. **REUTERS**

China condemns arms sale

WASHINGTON. The Obama administration informed Congress yesterday that it plans to upgrade Taiwan's aging F-16 fighter jets, drawing strong condemnation from China which called it a "grave interference" in its internal affairs.

China warned that the potential \$5.3 billion U.S. arms sale will harm its "core interests" in Taiwan and damage China-U.S. military and security cooperation. **REUTERS**



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Limerick, PA - Fred Beans, CEO and Founder of the Fred Beans Family of Dealerships located in Limerick PA, has announced a **ONE DAY SALE** on Saturday, September 24th at 9:30 AM, where pre-owned vehicles will be sold for as low as **\$999**. This sale is being held due to overwhelming public demand.

Cars will be clearly marked, so come early for the best selection. This is a **ONE DAY ONLY** sale designed to get the local community driving again.

Fred Beans' pre-owned inventory levels need to be reduced to make room for shipments of new models arriving daily. As a result, **all 3 Fred Beans Limerick locations are selling these overstocked pre-owned vehicles to the public at drastic discounts in an attempt to clear excess inventory.**

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riety of pre-owned vehicles, the Fred Beans Family of Dealerships in Limerick features new Chevrolet, Nissan and Kia vehicles. Fred Beans believes reviving the economy starts at home, and changing things locally will lead to changing things nationally.

In addition to the Fred Beans Family of Dealerships' extra inventory, additional vehicles have been acquired at incredible prices from various banks, repossession companies, auto auctions, credit unions, lease companies, and rental companies for this sale.

The sale will make pre-owned vehicles available for as low as **\$999**, prices not normally offered to the general public. According to Fred Beans, **"We want to give our customers a reason to believe in the local economy again. Someone has to look out for their best interests."**

Customers are encouraged to arrive as early as 9:00AM to inspect the entire inventory and find the car that is right for them. Every vehicle will be cleaned, detailed, and fully prepared for instant delivery.

On the evening of September 23rd after close of business, Mr. Beans and his team will mark the special sale price on each and every vehicle.

Because Fred Beans' customers are feeling the credit crunch right now, the Fred Beans Automotive Group has given the dealerships' financing managers the resources necessary to get most customers' credit approved on the spot.

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Customers wishing to trade in a vehicle are asked to bring their title or payment book for immediate delivery. Fred Beans will even pay off your trade-in in full, no matter how much you still owe on it.

Most of these surplus pre-owned vehicles will get sent directly to auto auctions for liquidation. So, if anyone has been thinking about purchasing a good, clean, dependable pre-owned car, truck, van or sport utility vehicle, do not miss this special **ONE DAY ONLY** sale.

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Moody's Corp. cut the debt ratings of Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citigroup yesterday, saying the U.S. government is getting less comfortable with bailing out large troubled lenders.

The government is "more likely now than during the financial crisis to allow a large bank to fail

should it become financially troubled," the ratings agency said.

Moody's decision hit Bank of America hardest as it cut both the long-term and short-term debt of the holding company and long-term deposits at its lead bank. The ratings agency cut only the short-term debt of Citigroup and limited the Wells' cut to its senior debt and to deposits at its lead bank.

Bank of America, the second-largest U.S. bank company, is struggling with billions of dollars of mortgage losses, litigation and stresses from the need to raise capital to meet new regulatory obligations. **REUTERS**

Chain reaction?

The risk of contagion from one failing bank to other banks has "become less acute," Moody's noted, adding the Dodd-Frank financial reform law of 2010 has reduced the ties between financial institutions.

By the numbers

\$23,033

A Beatles contract for a 1965 California concert that

reveals that the Fab Four refused to play before a segregated audience has sold for \$23,033 — more than four times its estimated price. **REUTERS**

Japan. Blue whale



► Rival scientists claim the genetic cloners have signed a contract with a fast-food restaurant to supply whale meat.

Scientists playing god

Scientists in Japan claim to have made an astonishing genetic breakthrough: They say they can create a blue whale using the giant animal's preserved DNA. "Very soon, we can introduce to the world the very first artificially created blue whale," says Takahura Ken, team leader at Tokyo University. **MWN**

Researchers' genetic key to Lou Gehrig's disease

CHICAGO. Scientists have discovered a gene responsible for more than a third of inherited cases of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and a related brain disorder.

The findings could help scientists develop new animal models and may lead to new treatments for ALS and frontotemporal dementia, which are fatal neurological disorders.

In ALS, the disease kills

"We don't have a complete picture yet ... but we have an exciting new direction in which to find out."

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nerve cells that control movement, leaving sufferers unable to move their arms, legs, body and eventually breathe without support. **REUTERS**

China bans dog-eating celebration

BEIJING. The Chinese government has banned a traditional carnival in the east of the country in which dogs are eaten after

being chopped up alive in the street following a public uproar that the festival was cruel, state media reported yesterday. Despite once being banned as a bad bourgeois habit, dog ownership has become increasingly popular with China's growing middle class in the past few years. **REUTERS**

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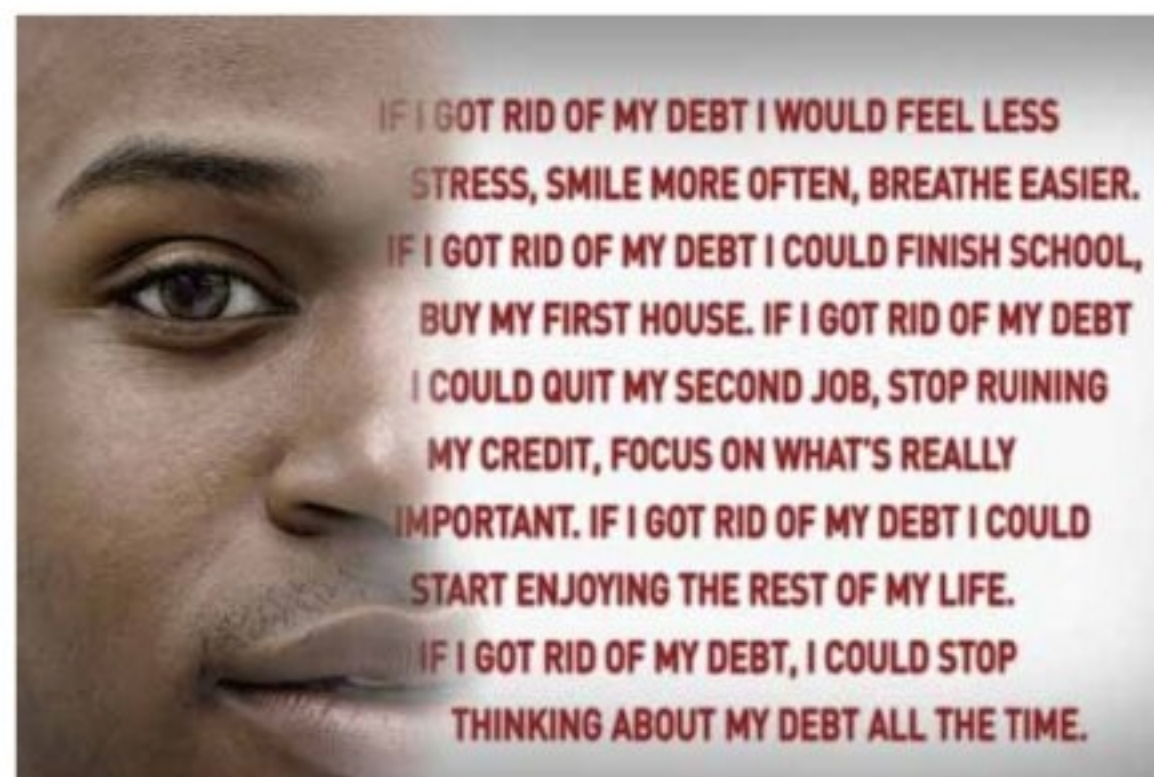
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THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip t @dorothyatmetro e dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Details you don't want to know about Taylor Armstrong

Ugh. Well, apparently readers want to know what's currently happening with **Taylor Armstrong**, the tragic "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star whose husband **Russell Armstrong** committed suicide last month, allegedly distraught over finances and his divorce with Taylor.

So, where should we start with the sadness? The terrifically awful? Or the just kind of awful? Actually, nevermind, it's all terrifically awful, because everyone is talking about Tuesday night's "Entertainment Tonight," when Arm-

strong told host **Nancy O'Dell** that her husband was abusive. "He would grab me by one side of the hair on my head and bang the other side of my head against the car," she said about Russell. Once, she said, he "grabbed me by the neck and shoved me up against the wall and he said, 'If you ever make my children a pizza without a

vegetable again, I'll kill you.'"

Cheery, no? Oh, but that's not all. Armstrong says she told her 5-year-old daughter that her father "got sick and he died." She also told the little girl "we could pick a star in the sky and it could be daddy, and that she could talk to him every night." "Entertainment Tonight" reportedly paid Armstrong \$125,000 for a photo she says was taken after a brutal beating by Russell; the show aired it all week as a promo to Tuesday's interview. Armstrong



► The sad, sordid tale of Taylor Armstrong continues.

apparently needed the quick cash since it seems her "rich" husband was actually totally broke and is now totally dead.

Have I said "ugh" al-

ready? I'm so very sorry today's column didn't come with a free puppy to help get you back to a happy place this Thursday morning.

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 WORD BLOG

It's the end of R.E.M. as we know it (and they feel fine)

After 31 years as a band, R.E.M. announced yesterday that they are calling it a day. Each band member wrote a few paragraphs on their website ensuring fans that there was no ill will between members, but that their last album, according to bassist Mike Mills, "seemed to draw a natural line under the last 31 years of our working together."

"Mike, Michael, Bill, Bertis, and I walk away as great friends," wrote Peter Buck.

Singer Michael Stipe, ever a man of words, quoted an adage that

"the skill in attending a party is knowing when it's time to leave."

Though such a degree of self-deprecation might be extreme — R.E.M. hardly outwore its welcome — the band's arc does seem complete. They went from a little band from Athens, Ga. to a defining group of the "college rock" genre in

the 1980s, which served as a precursor to "alternative rock." But by the time that word was being used, the '80s turned into the '90s, and R.E.M. had arguably become America's biggest band. Many of the later R.E.M. singles were decidedly more mellow and less experimental than the music that first made them popular, but the amount of bands they have influenced, with their jangly guitar approach and unabashedly artsy lyrics, cannot be overstated.

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 R.E.M. circa 1986.



The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Alyssa Milano is covering her bases, William Shatner is hitting the road, Hugh Hefner is staying off TV, and Kelly Osbourne doesn't know where people are getting their information.

► @Alyssa_Milano Good morning/ afternoon/evening/ night. Wherever you are in your day, I hope you're laughing.

► @WilliamShatner I'm doing a series of one man shows across Canada starting in October.

► @hughhefner I won't be making any guest appearances on "The Playboy Club," because the show is set in the early 1960s.

► @MissKellyO why do i keep reading articles that i have a boyfriend? Im a single lady & to be honest kinda loving it!



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Books, blondes and happy 'Mad Men'

► **1:** Model/actress/tall-person Rosie Huntington-Whiteley attended the Moët & Chandon Etoile award ceremony at Park Lane Hotel on Monday in London.

► **2:** Just when the ladies of the world felt like Jon Hamm couldn't get cooler, it turns out he's a

"South Park" lover! Here he is at the "South Park" 15th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday in Santa Monica.

► **3:** Kendra Wilkinson promoted her new book "Being Kendra" at Bookends Bookstore yesterday in Ridgewood, N.J.

► **4:** Demi Lovato visited "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" at Rockefeller Center on Tuesday in New York.

► **5:** Director Pedro Almodóvar, actress Elena Anaya and actor

Antonio Banderas attended the premiere of their new film, "The Skin I Live In," on Tuesday in Rome.

► **6:** Actress Jane Lynch visited "Mark Says Hi!" on the Raw Dog Comedy SiriusXM Studio on Tuesday in New York.

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functionality

Practical purchases at home

► Experts from furniture giant Mealey's lend insight about what's selling now, upcoming trends and why

In recent years, the simple living room went out of style. Homeowners traded in entertainment centers with TV consoles for flat screens and bought sectionals with power outlets to charge laptops. The most popular trend was to turn modest common areas into modern media spaces. And then we hit the economic plunge, and everyone's aims changed.

Now, furniture buyers "are more conscientious and looking for a great value," said Leigh Siegel, the marketing director for Mealey's Furniture. "They want to buy quality furniture that's in stock and affordable."

For example, people are

On the Web

► Mealey's Furniture has multiple locations throughout southern and western Pennsylvania. Visit www.mealeysfurniture.com for more information and the latest furniture trends.

ditching the traditional dining sets in favor of informal pub sets. These units stand at an average of 42 inches high, and they're considered a bargain because they can be used for more than just eating meals.

"With today's hectic lifestyle, these tables are used for cooking, catching up on mail and kids finish-

ing homework," said Mealey's vice president of merchandising, Bill Levine.

But that doesn't mean buyers want to sacrifice style, so those in-demand practical pieces also need to be affordably on-trend.

Eileen Kelly, Mealey's head designer, revealed what's hot this upcoming season. "Industrial revolution has really taken hold, and it has evolved to something more off-the-factory-floor than Victoriana," Kelly said, also noting big trends involving baseball stitching, chunky knits, Greek chic, plush fabrics and tie dye.

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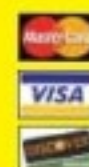
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housing market

Existing home sales up in August; prices still low

► Although sales are at their highest level in five months, the house market is still 'very distressed'

Existing home sales rose more than expected in August to their highest level in five months as falling prices and low interest rates drew more buyers into a still moribund market.

Sales climbed 7.7 percent from the previous month to an annual rate of 5.03 million units, the National Association of Realtors said yesterday. The median price was 5.1 percent lower than a year earlier.

"This housing market is

still very distressed," said Michael Hanson, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New York. "We have to get a lot of good news for a meaningful turnaround in the housing market," he said.

The outlook for housing prices remains grim. A survey by MacroMarkets LLC showed economists expect home prices to rise just 1.1 percent a year through 2015.

That is less than a third

of the annual pace clocked in the 13 years that preceded the housing bubble, the survey found. Falling prices can make housing look like a poor investment for many Americans.

A separate report showed applications for mortgages edged up last week on higher refinancing activity, but were held back by a lack of demand for purchases, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. JASON LANGE/REUTERS



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Pros and cons of market

In an attempt to breathe new life into the sector and the wider economy, the U.S. Federal Reserve is keeping interest rates low. At the same time, some other props are set to fall away. At the end of this month, the size of the loans federal housing agencies can purchase will fall, and next year government mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will begin to raise fees on the loans they purchase.

NAR economist Jed Smith was nevertheless upbeat that the prices could stabilize soon because he said inventories would likely decline over the winter.

"(That) would be very conducive to definitive price stabilization," he said.

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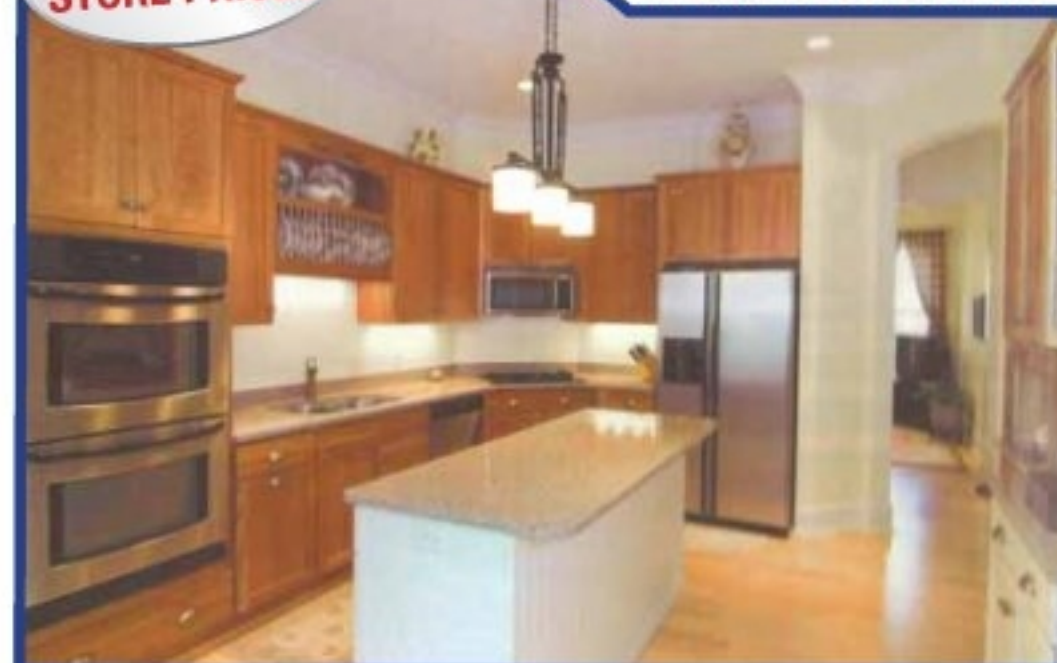
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► Owen's kitchen sink reflects the house's blue color palette (see bedroom on facing page).

DESIGN SPONGE ON YOUR SHELF

► Seven years ago, Brooklyn-based writer Grace Bonney started her addictive design blog ► This month, she released her first coffee-table book ► We soak it up

One of the best things about sifting through the artsy homes on popular interiors blog, Design Sponge, is that no matter how spectacular a place seems, the site tells you a) where you can find the items pictured or b) offers step-by-step instructions on how to craft the look, an especially nice feature for the 250,000 budget-conscious and design-savvy readers who flock to the site daily. Now, founder Grace Bonney is expanding on her signature brand of sophisticated-yet-indie decorating with "Design Sponge at Home."

"There weren't a lot of books on the market that actually taught people things and also inspired them," explains Bonney. "It was one or the other. Either they inspire or teach — and if they teach, they tend to be ugly paperback craft workbooks. I wanted to put out a beautiful coffee table book that's also super functional."

Her new tome — filled with real-life interiors, DIY projects and flower arrangement tutorials — is bound in a beautiful red-and-gold



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BONNEY

Diana Vreeland-esque cover. Even if it doesn't motivate you to kick-start a project like reupholstering your old chair or hanging art (highly doubtful), it'll look gorgeous on your table.



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Three of Bonney's favorite tips from the book:

1 "Working with a unified color palette is a great tip I learned from Nicolette Camille Owen's home. She basically painted every single room in her house a shade of blue. They all feel really different, but the house flows so wonderfully. I think that's one of the hardest things if you live in a city apartment: how to get each room to have its own feeling but still feel really seamless."

2 "I really love embracing DIY upholstery. In my own house tour, I upholstered my own headboard. I just used a handheld staple gun and bought fabric and did it all by myself. That project in particular showed a lot of people, and really me, that you can do



► Owen's bedroom is painted in Benjamin Moore's Hydrangea.



► Grace Bonney upholstered her headboard. She'll show you how in the book and at www.designspongeonline.com

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► Uniquely named Warrington company that installs beautiful countertops across the region has navigated the down economy with personal touch

Kirk Raysky has been selling and installing countertops since 2001 with his company Lets Get Stoned, a company based in Warrington that like many others has been suffering from the country's economic downturn.

"We've been cruising above water, but for the past four years, construction has gone down a lot," Raysky said. "There is a lot of competition in the Philadelphia area."

However, not all is lost. Raysky explained that although construction has

gone down, there has been a recently newfound interest in putting money back into the home.

"Three weeks ago a family of five came in. They used to go out once a week to an expensive restaurant and spend 200, 250 dollars out," said Raysky. "Instead, they decided to remake their kitchen so they can

enjoy time at home instead of going out."

Lets Get Stoned specializes in stone countertops, any natural stone tops are made for any type of counter from bathrooms to fireplaces. "Ninety-nine percent of my employees have been working here seven, eight years," said Raysky, explaining that all their work from selling to installing their tops is done in house, with no outsourcing.

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"A family of five came in. They used to go out once a week to an expensive restaurant and spend 200, 250 dollars. ... Instead, they decided to remake their kitchen so they can enjoy time at home." RAYSKY

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Cheap fixes to save you big bucks

Leading home inspection company HouseMaster gives maintenance tips that cost what you might have in your wallet Their goal: Save you in the long term

What are the two biggest things on most homeowners' minds?

Reducing costs and protecting the value of their home. Pretty obvious, right? Well, ways of achieving those goals might not be so obvious.

The following are five pretty easy tips on maintaining and updating homes with inexpensive fixes, provided by HouseMaster, one of the largest home inspection franchisors in North America. And they can all be completed for under \$25 and can save homeowners thousands down the road.

1 Be aware of termite or carpenter ant damage. Homeowners who diligently check their property and foundation can alleviate serious termite or carpenter ant problems. Before selling or purchasing a home look closely for any signs such as "mud tubes" or wood damage. Also, moving wood piles and debris away from the home can eliminate termite or carpenter ant problems.

2 When it rains, it pours. One of the most common places for water damage is in a bathroom. When grout breaks down water can easily get behind the tiles and

cause them to come loose. An easy solution to this is to regROUT, caulk and use sealant on bathroom tile and surrounding fixtures. In other cases, where water penetration is affecting the foundation of a house, a splash box is a cost-efficient solution to direct water away from the foundation.

3 Clean the gutters. Stained siding under a gutter indicates overflowing, which can cause structural damage. In addition, overgrown vegetation on gutters can cause clogging or potential termite issues. Trimming vegetation away from the house and cleaning gutters



offers many advantages and minimizes the risk for potential costly repairs in the future.

4 Replace rusting roof flashings. Flashings deteriorate over time and can allow water penetration, re-

sulting in expensive damage to the underlying roof structure. For under \$25 replace roof flashings or apply sealant to the problem area.

5 Seal your deck. If not properly maintained decks are very susceptible to the

effects of weather exposure. Once wood becomes rotted it is more likely to be infested by termites, carpenter ants, etc. Purchase deck sealant at an inexpensive price to seal your deck and prevent future damage.

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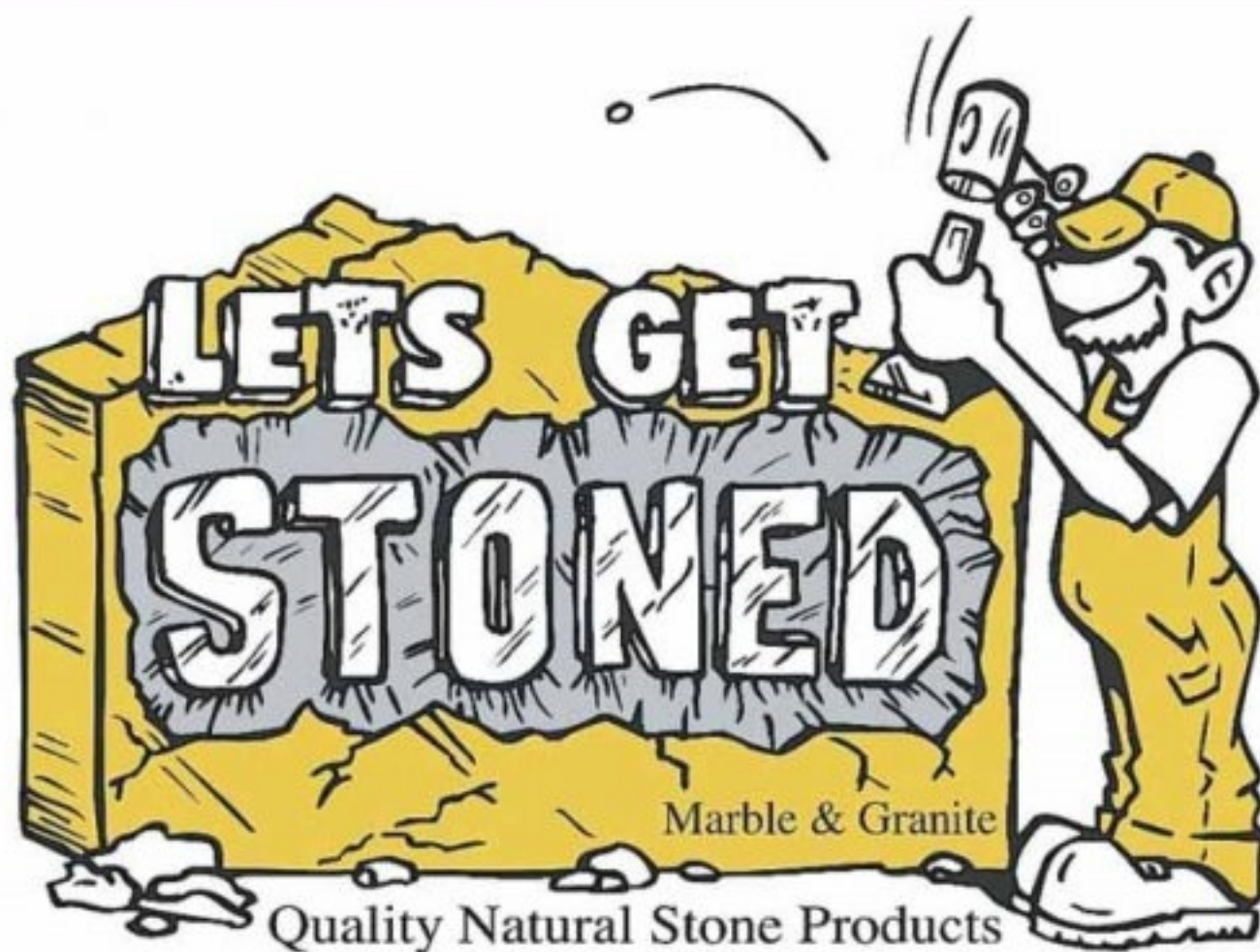
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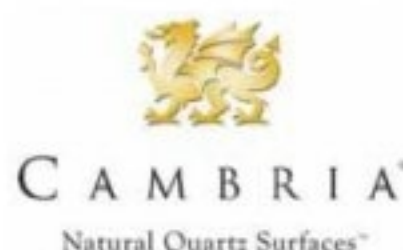


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5 Reasons to hit up movie theaters this weekend

Must-see



► Two guys, one gun: Robert De Niro and Jason Statham play the usual assassins in "Killer Elite."

'Killer Elite'

1 We challenge you to not find at least two other movies in which Clive Owen, Robert De

Niro and Jason Statham have already played the same characters they do in this assassin action thriller. Make that five for Statham. **METRO**

2 'Abduction' The boy who played wolf, Taylor Lautner, gets his first starring

role as a young man who learns he was kidnapped as a child by the people he had

grown up believing were his parents.

3 'Moneyball' Brad Pitt plus baseball equals a win-win for any couple doing battle over what to see in the theaters this weekend. Pitt plays Oakland A's general manager, Billy Beane, the innovator of a new drafting technique. Whatever. All we heard was "Pitt."

4 'Dolphin Tale' A dolphin gets a prosthetic tail. Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman co-star alongside said dolphin.

5 'Drive' We hope this stunning, modern noir film by Nicolas Winding Refn — about a stunt driver sucked into the L.A. crime underworld — will finally allow Ryan Gosling to be referred to as someone other than "The Notebook" guy."

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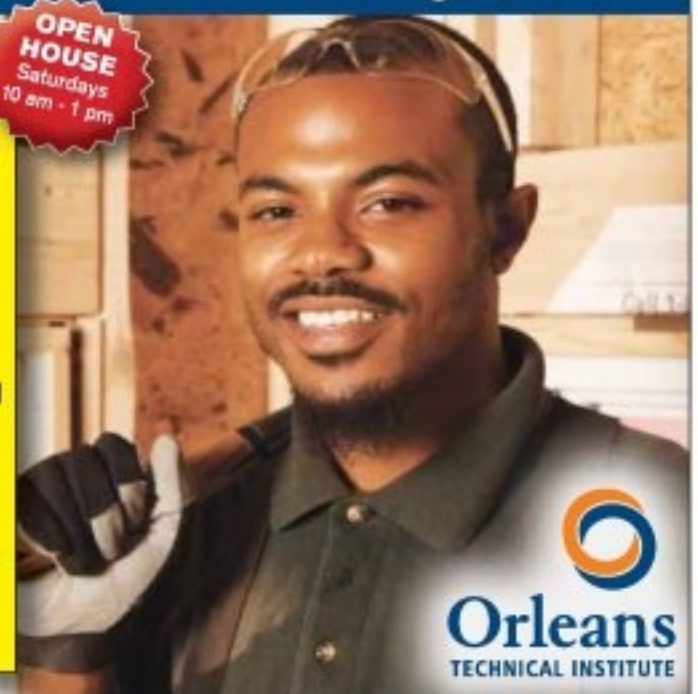
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► That's the inspiration behind 'Person of Interest' ► What would happen if citywide surveillance made predicting crimes a possibility?

If you step onto a New York City street, you may as well be smiling — there's no doubt you're being filmed. It's the reality of a post-9/11, surveillance-heavy world — and it's a major inspiration behind the new J.J. Abrams crime thriller on CBS, "Person of Interest."

"Someone tried to count [the number of cameras in NYC] a couple years ago, and the official tally was 'uncountable,'" says executive producer Jonathan Nolan, whose credits include the "Dark Knight" films (director Christopher is his brother). "I think we're all really aware these days of just how much information is kind of



► Finch (Michael Emerson, left) and Reese (Jim Caviezel) use The Machine to try to stop crimes before they occur on "Person of Interest."

"This is not really a science-fiction show. It's more science-fact."

"PERSON OF INTEREST" EXEC PRODUCER JONATHAN NOLAN

swirling around out there about us, about our friends, about everybody," he adds. "What's missing in all of this — or at least we think is missing — is something that sifts through all of that information, a way in

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which that information actually becomes useful to people."

Enter The Machine. The invention of a mysterious billionaire, Finch (Michael Emerson), the government-commissioned, anti-terror-

ism device is capable of predicting when a crime will occur. With the aid of a former CIA agent, Reese (Jim Caviezel), Finch plans to enact vigilante justice, which plays out on the show in a case-of-the-week format.

"We're at this very odd moment, kind of standing on the precipice of seeing what happens when you start harnessing all that information," Nolan says. Scarily, he's referring to real-life as much as the world created on "Person of Interest." "This is not really a science-fiction show," he says. "It's more science-fact."

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Meet the cast

► **Finch (Michael Emerson):** "I play a shadowy tech billionaire who's had some kind of transformative experience in his psychological life, and he's decided to dedicate himself to a justice mission," Emerson says. "He can't intervene in dangerous situations personally, so he needs to team up with someone who is more active and skilled than he."

► **Reese (Jim Caviezel):** "He's former special forces CIA on the surface, but deep down, a guy who is searching for a purpose, and Finch seems to offer that," Caviezel says. "I think that purpose probably is justice."

► **Detective Carter (Taraji P. Henson):** "She served two tours in Iraq. She gets a little more emotionally involved with some of the people that she interacts with. And she's chasing this guy in a suit [Reese]. She's already identified him as an ex-army person of some sort. So she identifies with that."

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DIANA NAKKEB, VIA E-MAIL

Don't forget about the '70s

RE: "HISTORY LESSON ON THE LADIES": Another lesson for Mr. Burstyn: Forget the '60s. When I went for my first apartment, I already had a degree in nursing and had been working for five years. The complex I moved into didn't rent to single women — my father had to go to the rental office for me. The year? 1975!

NATALIE KASDAY, VIA E-MAIL

Liberals ignore threat of Islam

So Harvard finally decid-

ed to bring back the ROTC because "don't ask, don't tell" ended. People seem to forget this is the same Harvard that wouldn't allow the military on campus, but had no problem with Mohammad Khatami of Iran. Yes, the same Iran that advocates killing gays. And how many of the liberals who claim to be champions of gay rights have protested against radical Islam?

ROCCO LORE, VIA E-MAIL

Movement of opportunism

RE: "THE LEFT SPEWS VICIOUS SLURS": If the Tea

Party movement is synonymous with fiscal conservatism, then sign me up tomorrow! But the fundamental question remains: Where was this "movement" over the eight years that got us into this financial mess in the first place? On the toilet having a "movement" of another kind?!

JOE FINLEY II, VIA E-MAIL

Once again the Tea Baggers are trying to rewrite facts. They are not lying attacks; it is more informed people noticing the Tea Bag lies. Also, liberals are afraid of Tea Baggers because they are nuts. They try to rewrite history to make Palin's statement true, and they try to ignore facts like climate change, etc. We are afraid of what Tea Baggers would do in office.

BRIAN GRAU, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. If you find yourself a bit restless, put aside your plans and call a pal who is always ready to do something interesting.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Channel your efforts toward a single goal, and you'll end up accomplishing far more than you ever thought possible. Putting too many things on your plate could lead to an unwieldy meal.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Some knowledge you acquired by simply being a good listener will prove to be immensely valuable. It'll prove how beneficial it is to pay attention.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Don't settle for undesirable terms; instead, be prepared to call the other guy's bluff. If the conditions are unsatisfactory, take a walk and let him or her do all the sweating.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. A business partner will emulate your mode of operation, so it's going to be up to you to supply the motivating factors to get what you want. He or she will then back you up.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. No one will have to tell you where your opportunities lie — you'll be cognizant of them all on your own. Be imaginative, energetic and enterprising.

Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. You should be able to put to rest your enormous assumption that someone you like never notices you when this person starts showering you with all kinds of attention.

Aries March 21-April 19. Because you know you have people in your corner who will back you up, you're able to be more daring about how far you can take things.

Taurus April 20-May 20. Your imagination knows no boundaries and, as a result, you'll be able to come up with something new and more daring that'll capture the exact results you're looking for.

Gemini May 21-June 20. Knowing what you want is only one part of your goal — actually going after it could be a bit more challenging. It might take a lot of courage.

Cancer June 21-July 22. Unless you are challenged, you won't actually have any reason to put forth your best effort. However, if a gauntlet is thrown down, the Galahad within you will quickly emerge.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Use an indirect approach toward achieving your purposes, especially if there is someone who always questions your efforts. You'll have your goal accomplished before anybody notices it.

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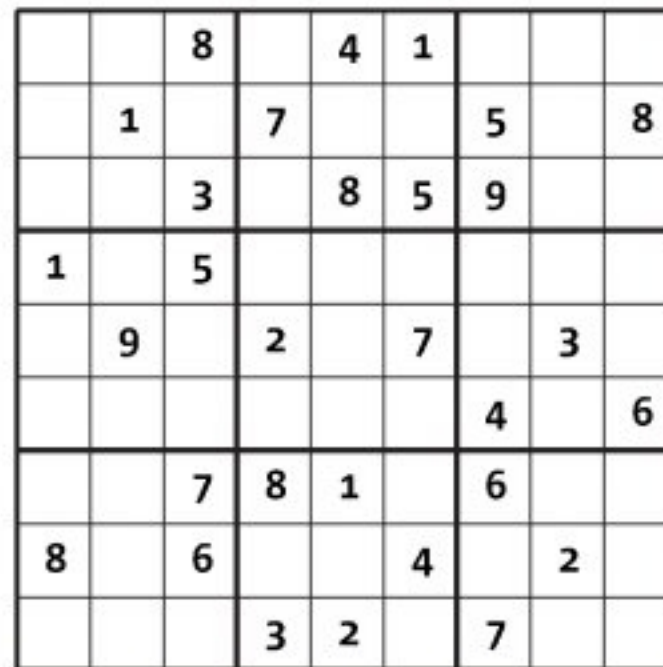
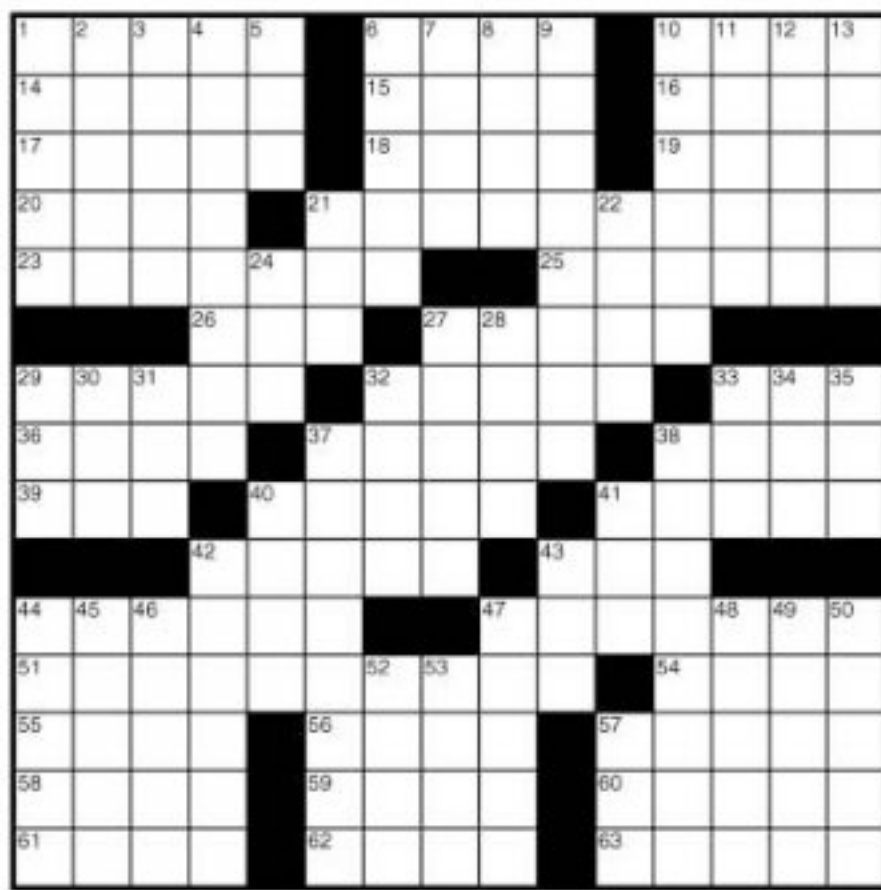
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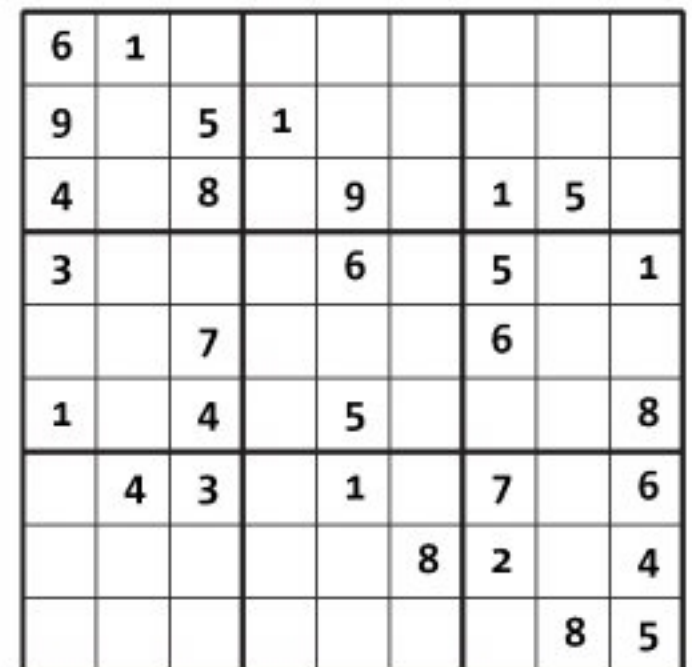
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Adsum, Take Two

700 S. Fifth St.

Major changes are afoot at the corner of Fifth and Bainbridge, where bistro Adsum is closed for renovation. When the space reopens in two weeks, it will be the mellow neighborhood gastropub owner Kar Vivekananthan originally envisioned. New partner Rich Rivera (of Manayunk's Agiato, Agiato Bread Co. and Main Street Market) and Vivekananthan are supervising a vegetarian-friendly menu of mac and cheese, salads, grilled cheese, burgers and the like. Stay tuned for a new name for the made-over space, as well.

► From vegetable bars to video game bars to truffled meat loaf, there's a little something for everyone ► Which new tables top our list

New restaurants to fall for

► "Top Chef" champ Kevin Sbraga is bringing his kicked-up comfort food to Broad.



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In Philadelphia, sweater weather has arrived and football is underway. With these autumn trademarks, an exciting season of new restaurant openings begins. Cozy neighborhood taprooms, innovative vegan cookery and a real-life dose of reality TV are all on the docket this fall.

Plus, we're looking forward to a few booze-centric new kids like the Fishtown iteration of Brooklyn's **Barcade** (1114 Frankford Ave.), which will offer 25 American craft beers on draft alongside a platoon of '80s video games. 'Cause there's nothing like a round of Super Mario Bros. — or better yet, Burger Time — to work up a hunger.

Il Pittore

2025 Sansom St.

Though Angelina on Chestnut Street was short-lived, the memory of chef Chris Painter's feathery-light pastas runs long. The Starr Restaurant Organization culinary director's skills will be center stage when he collaborates with owner Stephen for Il Pittore ("the painter"), which will showcase northern Italian flavors in the former Noble space.

American Sardine Bar

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► Key Lime donuts with graham cracker streusel — really.

Batter up! Federal Donuts is on the way

When she's not filling us in on where to feast this fall, Felicia D'Ambrosio is getting ready to open the much-buzzed-about **Federal Donuts** (1219 S. Second St.) with Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook (of Zahav and Percy Street Barbecue).

The concept is so deliciously simple, you won't believe us: Fresh donuts in the a.m., Korean fried chicken in the p.m. Pass us the napkins — this is about to be one messy fall.

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South Philly Tap Room are anxiously awaiting owner John Longacre's venture into Point Breeze: a renovation of the decrepit Wander Inn. SPTR chef Scott Schroeder is developing a casual menu of rotating sandwich selections for the two-floor space.

Sbraga

440 S. Broad St.

Our local "Top Chef" champion Kevin Sbraga is remaking the former Chew Man Chu space into a platform for his upscale comfort food in smaller-plate portions. He hints of dishes like truffled meat loaf with house ketchup and bacon sauce or fluke fish-and-chips with curried remoulade. The prix-fixe menus will be priced at four courses for \$45, or nine for \$100.

Vedge

1221 Locust St.

Vegan cooking moves up to a regal setting in November, when Horizons chef/owners Rich Landau and Kate Jacoby launch Vedge in the former Deux Cheminees. Veggies, rather than faux meat dishes, will be the focus; a vegetable bar will allow picky types to sample a variety of small plates.

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nightlife

Cocktail of the week

Varga Bar Hot Apple Cider

Serves four

What's in it

- ▶ 1 quart of apple cider
- ▶ 1 tbs. whole cloves
- ▶ 1 tbs. whole allspice
- ▶ 5 pieces of star anise
- ▶ 1 tsp. whole cardamom
- ▶ 1 tsp. pink peppercorns
- ▶ 2 oz. spiced rum, per serving
- ▶ 5 cinnamon sticks

How to make it

Put all spices in a saute



▶ Fall, we missed you!

pan and toast on top of stove for 3-4 minutes or until spices become fragrant. Add to apple cider and bring to a boil. Once the liquid is to a boil, turn the heat off and allow the spices to steep into the cider.

Add 2 oz. of spiced rum to about 8 oz. of the steeped, strained cider, and garnish with cinnamon stick and/or freshly ground nutmeg.

Where to drink it

While the recipe will come in handy for future snow days, for now you can cozy up to the bar at Varga for some fall cider sipping.

10th and Spruce streets, www.vargabar.com

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Join the club

Each week, we tell you about the songs you should be sweating to in clubs.

'Freak Like Me' by Mayra Veronica

This song sounds a little like it was manufactured in a pop hit laboratory. From Britney Spears, it extracted a few walkie-talkie vocal portions and some lyrical boundary-pushing a la "If U Seek Amy." From the Black

Eyed Peas, it takes a few woo-hoos, and from the



Pussycat Dolls, it takes an overlooked phrase from "Don't Cha" and makes it

the title. But like a well-calculated formula, it does work — and you've probably been hearing it for a while. This week it's No. 3 on the Billboard Dance/Club chart.

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3 Reasons to pop by the Popped! Music Festival

► The fest is back — and it brought some special snacks this time around in addition to a must-see lineup of music ► Founder Alexis Rosenzweig on what she's into this year

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The lineup is killer

You've probably heard the big ones coming through: The Shins, Foster the People, various Roots ensembles and Girl Talk, among others. But there are also some lower-key gems to listen up for, such as those on Popped! founder Alexis Rosenzweig's must-see list: Pretty Lights, Dale Earnhardt Jr Jr and Charles Bradley.

It's rain or shine

We were really psyched when Popped! was scheduled to go down at FDR Park. So was Rosenzweig, who had been eyeing up her dream venue for years: "I've been trying to get the festival in Fairmount Park for the past four years — that was always the plan," she told us. Thing is, between this weekend's storms and the summer's record rainfall, FDR's lake



► Foster the People play Popped! on Saturday, meaning you'll have That Song stuck in your head till at least Tuesday.

If you go

Popped! Music Festival and Food Bazaar
Friday and Saturday
The Liacouras Center
Poppedphiladelphia.com

was becoming less of an asset. They switched things over to the Liacouras Center

last night — because nobody likes that muddy guy.

There will be tacos

No gross arena cheese fries for you — the Popped! Food Bazaar is serving up everything from tacos to gelato from local restaurants and food trucks. "I wanted to be able to highlight what's go-

ing on in the culinary world here in Philly," says Rosenzweig, who has made sure to include plenty of veggie options. "And that's one way you can create a really great festival experience while showing what's great about the city."

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Grace Potter & The Nocturnals
Friday, 8:30 p.m.
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► Hot Water Music play Philly F/M on Saturday at the Festival Pier at Penn's Landing.

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The Felice Brothers
Tuesday, 8 p.m.
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The boys are on tour with their latest album, "Celebration, Florida." Also playing: Virgin Forest.

THE RUNDOWN

► Metro's guide to what's happening in Philly this week



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Family

PHS Fall Garden Festival

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Philadelphia Navy Yard
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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's festival includes gardening workshops, food, a marketplace featuring plants and garden supplies, live music and activities for the kids. Bring



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Going out

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Rosh Hashanah at Zahav
237 St. James Place
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Chef Michael Solomonov's special menu (\$45 per person) includes holiday classics such as matzoh ball soup, griddled honey cakes and coffee-braised brisket with

pumpkin-saffron rice.

Gypsy Saloon Beach Party
Friday, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.
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Festivals

Manayunk EcoArts Festival
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Family

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Festivals

Third Annual 'OUT IN AC'
Friday-Sunday
www.outinac.com
Foundation Room kicks off the festivities by hosting Restaurant Invasion on Friday with Food Network "Party Line" stars Dan Smith and Steve McDonagh, aka The Hearty Boys, who are best known for catering the perfect get-togethers. On Saturday, The Pool at Harrah's Resort will serve as the prime location for the Day Party event, hosted by famed Joan Rivers impersonator Frank Marino. Sunday begins and ends with the Hangover Brunch at Harrah's Resort.

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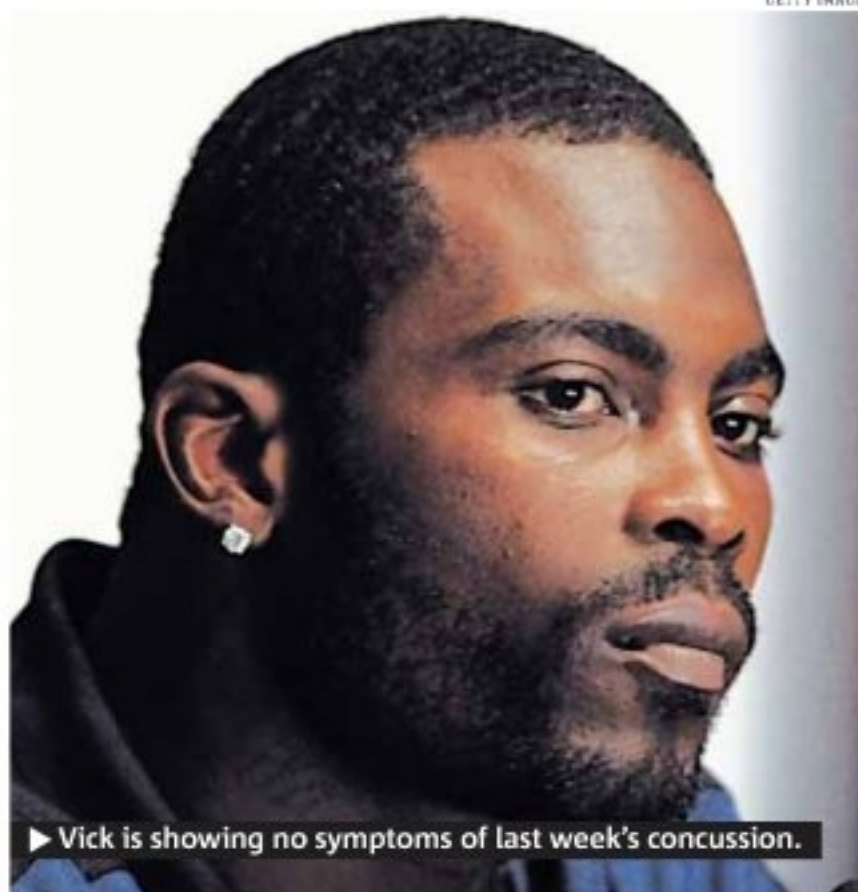
No one is saying Mike Vick will start. But, barring any setbacks, it certainly sounds like No. 7 will be given every opportunity to be out on the field Sunday against the Giants.

Vick didn't wear a helmet yesterday, as he watched practice from the sideline. However, he did participate in the morning walkthrough with the first-team offense. Mike Kafka and Vince Young split the reps in the afternoon.

"I'm going to get them all ready and go, you know, as long as they're healthy we'll go with the one who's the healthiest," coach Andy Reid said.

Head trainer Rick Burkholder said Vick didn't have a "whole lot of concussion symptoms" and the results of his impact test were "very, very close" to his baseline. Still, the Eagles are being cautious.

"Just because he doesn't have symptoms today doesn't mean he won't have symptoms tomorrow,"



► Vick is showing no symptoms of last week's concussion.

Quoted

"With the concussion, you have to go through the process, so that's what we're doing. What's good right now might not be good this afternoon, or tomorrow."

EAGLES COACH ANDY REID, ON THE STATUS OF QB MIKE VICK

row," Burkholder said. "You can't predict."

Vick's MRI was negative, but he still has to see and be cleared by an independent neurologist once declared symptom-free. Reid said Vick hadn't shown any cognitive signs from the concussion.

"I was having no problem with the football part, yeah, no problem at all," Reid said.

For now, Vick has been green-lighted for exertion tests, including riding a bike, lifting and balance work. His status for Sunday, however, will likely be a game-time decision.

"I'm not real worried about him playing right now," Burkholder said. "I'm worried about the process that he's going through, and as we go through each step I'll report to the people that need to know, and then we'll make a decision."

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Chaney, new man in the middle

The Casey Matthews' experiment is over.

Jamar Chaney will replace the rookie as the Eagles' starting middle linebacker. Matthews will move to the weakside, with Moise Fokou switching over to strongside.

"Growing up you always want to be the leader of the defense and I take on the challenge and look forward to it," said Chaney, who played MLB last season.

The moves weren't shocking, considering the Eagles' defense has allowed 292 combined rushing yards in the first two games.

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"We want to set the record [101 is tops in franchise history]," Shane Victorino said. "It's a lot of fun to win. Yes, we've won the division, but that doesn't mean we're just going to relax out there and take it easy. When we're out on the field, we're going to play to win."

Cliff Lee, who took the loss Tuesday night, is on the same wavelength as



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Victorino.

"We want to win every game left of the schedule no matter what," Lee said. "It's more fun to win than lose. We don't like to lose. We just don't lose that many games."

The Phillies (98-56) have won many more games than they have lost. Entering play last night, the club had lost four in a row and three in a row only twice.

"We can't help but take games seriously," Ryan Howard said. "We're in a good position now, but we're not going to play like it's spring training."

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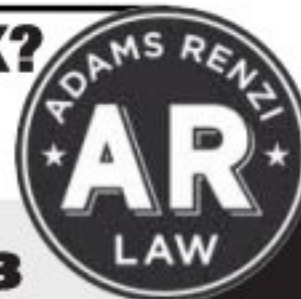
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Couturier made his pre-season debut Tuesday night and recorded a goal and an assist in 17 minutes, 6 seconds of ice time.

The rookie wasn't in the lineup last night against Toronto. Other notables missing in action were Jaromir Jagr, James van Riemsdyk, Wayne Simmonds, Chris Pronger and Matt Carle. **METRO**



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